



# *The Special Kids Network*

Making Connections for Pennsylvania's Children with Special Health Care Needs

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### HELPLINE

If you need information about resources for children and youth with disabilities and special health care needs, call **1-800-986-4550**.

The Elks Service Coordination Manager will answer the phone when you call.

She is an Elks Home Service Nurse with over 30 years of experience and can provide information about health care, community, and social service resources to help you meet the needs of your child.

If more help is needed, the Elks Service Coordination Manager will offer a referral to the PA Elks Home Service Program for free service coordination services.

Elks Home Service staff can then contact you to set up a home service visit.

## SERVICE COORDINATION

The PA Elks Home Service Program is a free service that offers in-home visits provided by a nurse or social worker to help families navigate and connect to services.

They can help:

- Provide referrals to appropriate agencies in the community
- Offer suggestions regarding home care
- Help to access equipment and assistive technology
- Advocate for appropriate and inclusive educational services
- Support with vocational goals
- Help with inclusion within the community
- Assist with residential options
- Be a liaison between individuals, families, and health care providers
- Advocate for an individual's legal and human rights
- Provide emotional support

## REGIONAL

### COORDINATORS

Six parents of children with special health care needs meet with parents and professionals in their communities to help identify service gaps and address the challenges and barriers to receiving services.

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